GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2544
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MISSING DEMARCATION POLES ON INDO NEPAL BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poles erected for demarcation of the border between India and Nepal are missing;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has held any discussion with the Government of Nepal in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (e): The India-Nepal boundary has been primarily established on the basis of the Treaty of Sugauli of 1815 and the subsequent Memorandum of 1816 as amended and confirmed by the Treaty of 1860. Strip map surveys of 99% of the border and identification of 97.7% of the boundary on the ground has been completed. Boundary strip maps have been printed for all segments of the boundary that have been identified and have also been signed at the level of the Joint Technical Committee (JTC) on boundary matters.

It has been further decided to set up an inter-governmental Boundary Working Group as successor to the JTC, to interalia delineate boundary line in the remaining sectors, and undertake inspection, construction, maintenance and repair of boundary pillars. Repair and restoration of damaged/missing boundary pillars is an ongoing process jointly taken up by both the sides.